FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S.414, Senate Amendment

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TO: The Honorable David Thomas, Chairman, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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AUTHOR: Senator Land PRIMARY CODE CITE: 38-78-510

SUBJECT: Vehicle Protection Product Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill, as amended, would enact the "Vehicle Protection Product Act", provides for definitions, requires the regulation of vehicle protection product warranties, requires a vehicle protection warranty to adhere to the provisions of Article 12, and authorizes the Director of Insurance to impose civil penalties for violation of Article 12.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Section 38-78-530(C) allows the Director to charge each registrant a fee to offset the cost of processing registrations and maintaining records. The Department estimates that between ten and fifteen companies will seek licensure under the provisions of the Bill. Costs are estimated to total between \$7,000 and \$8,000 in the first year and would cover Information Technology programming estimated at \$2,500 to \$3,000. Administrative costs for staff and operating expenses are estimated at \$4,500 to \$5,000. Costs thereafter are estimated to be \$3,500 annually. Assuming fifteen companies seek licensure other funds revenue should be sufficient to cover anticipated additional expenditures.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

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